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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Ting Chien et al.

Group Art Unit: 1765

Application No.: 09/820,692

Examiner: K. C. Chen

Filing Date: March 30, 2001

Confirmation No.: 5245

Title: PLASMA ETCHING OF DIELECTRIC LAYER WITH SELECTIVITY TO STOP LAYER

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
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Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the

☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☒ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).1. ☐ A. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered.  
Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.☐ B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested:☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:

☒ Amendment/Reply.☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).☐ A Petition for Extension of Time.☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.  
☐ No additional claim fee is required.  
☒ The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Thus Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Basic Application Fee (1001)					\$ 770.00
Total Claims	23	MINUS 25 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Fee					\$ 770.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
TOTAL FEE DUE					\$ 770.00

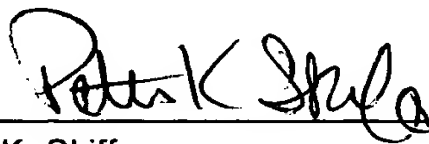
4. ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.  
5. ☒ Charge \$ 770.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.  
6. ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Further responsive to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: